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Applicant(s): Kazuaki Ebara					
Invention: BIOMETRIC AUTHENTICATION SYSTEM SHARING TEMPLATE DATA AMONG ENTERPRISES					
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Examiner: Brandon S. Hoffman

AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION

MS Amendment
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Dear Sir:

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

In response to the Office Action dated December 9, 2004, please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 9 of this paper.